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Arms Pact Compliance

U.S. Group to Keep Eye on Russ

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U.S. intelligence officials have established a committee to keep track of Soviet observance of the terms of the strategic arms limitation treaty signed in Moscow May 26.

The five-man committee is to begin functioning on July 1, the cutoff date agreed upon by the two governments for the construction of new sites for offensive missiles in the United States and the Soviet Union.

Administration officials said that the committee was set up to avoid the repetition on a broader scale of the violation of the Suez Canal truce in August 1970, when the Soviet Union and Egypt moved into position SAM-2 and SAM-3 antiaircraft missiles after the cease-fire with Israel.

At that time, U.S. intelligence services were unprepared to monitor through aerial and satellite observation, and other means, Soviet and Egyptian fulfillment of the truce terms.

This was a source of ma-

jor embarrassment to the U.S., which had negotiated the truce, and the incident nearly led to the collapse of the cease-fire.

The new committee, officials said, is to be headed by Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters, deputy director of central intelligence.

Its members are to be Lieutenant General Donald V. Bennett, head of the defense intelligence agency; Ray S. Cline, director of the State Department's intelligence and research agency; Andrew Marshall, intelligence coordinator of the National Security Council at the White House; and a CIA official still to be designated.

The Moscow agreements on the limitation of defensive and offensive nuclear weapons formally come into force on ratification by the U.S. Senate and the Supreme Soviet.

However, both sides have agreed to abide by the treaty from the date it was signed.

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